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June 6, 2008

Davidson County District Attorney General Victor S. “Torry” Johnson today announced the indictment of Jerome Sidney Barrett in the February 1975 homicide of Marcia Trimble.

A Davidson County Grand Jury heard the case against Barrett on Tuesday, and presented a sealed indictment against Barrett on the charges of first degree murder and felony murder. The sealed indictment became public Friday morning when Barrett was served with a capias. Barrett is currently incarcerated in the Davidson County jail while awaiting trial on another murder charge, for the 1975 killing of Vanderbilt University student Sarah Des Prez.

“The murder of Marcia Trimble is one that affected the entire Nashville community,” says Johnson. “It’s a case that no one has forgotten. For the benefit of the Trimble family, I am pleased to be able to make this announcement today.”

“For the past 33 years, more than two generations of police officers devoted thousands upon thousands of hours of investigative work to solving Marcia Trimble’s murder,” Metro Police Chief Ronal Serpas said. “I spoke to Virginia Trimble shortly after arriving in Nashville in 2004 and assured her this department would never give up on Marcia’s case or any other unsolved homicide.”

“Today, I express my gratitude to Commander Mickey Miller, who, as a Homicide supervisor, spent a number of years pursuing leads in this case. I also thank Sergeant Pat Postiglione and Detective Bill Pridemore, both from our Cold Case Unit, for meticulously coordinating the crucial investigative work over the past several months. This is an important day for the Trimble family and Nashville as a whole,” Serpas said.

Marcia Trimble was 9 years old and delivering cookies when she disappeared on February 25, 1975. After weeks of extensive searches, her body was discovered in a Green Hills garage on Estes Road on March 30, 1975. In the years since her murder, the police have continued to actively investigate this case. It was recent scientific evidence that has connected Barrett to Marcia’s murder.

No further arrests are expected in this case. Barrett will be arraigned on these current charges in coming weeks. He is set to go on trial for the murder of Sarah Des Prez in October 2008. Both cases will be prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney General Tom Thurman.

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April TERM, 20 08, CRIMINAL COURT

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

NO. 2008-B-1791

JEROME SIDNEY BARRETT

PROSECUTOR: **Sgt. Pat Postiglione**

CHARGE:

Ct. 1 First Degree Murder

Ct. 2 Felony Murder

Witness(es) before the Grand Jury:

Sgt. Pat Postiglione

The above witness(es) appeared; was/were duly sworn by me, the foreperson, and gave testimony before the Grand Jury in the above-styled cause this 3rd day of June, 20 08.



A TRUE BILL



A NO TRUE BILL

Phylla Hill

Foreperson

Davidson County Grand Jury

SUBPOENA THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

COMPLAINT No(s): 1975-30512

Sgt. Pat Postiglione, MPD #00000818

Det. Bill Pridemore, MPD #00000528

Commander L. M. Miller, MPD #00000057

Dr. Jerry Francisco



INDICTMENT

State of Tennessee, Davidson County

COUNT 1

THE GRAND JURORS of Davidson County, Tennessee, duly impaneled and sworn, upon their oath, present that:

JEROME SIDNEY BARRETT

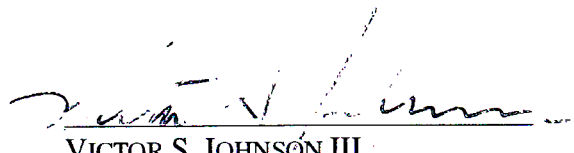
on or about the **25th** day of **February, 1975**, in Davidson County, Tennessee and before the finding of this indictment, unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, maliciously and with premeditation did kill **Marcia Virginia Trimble**, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated §39-2402, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 2

THE GRAND JURORS of Davidson County, Tennessee, duly impaneled and sworn, upon their oath, present that:

JEROME SIDNEY BARRETT

on or about the **25th** day of **February, 1975**, in Davidson County, Tennessee and before the finding of this indictment, unlawfully, willfully, deliberately and maliciously did kill **Marcia Virginia Trimble** during the perpetration of **a larceny**, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated §39-2402, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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